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SUBJ: CCD: US/USSR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS -
ROUND FIVE, 11ST MEETING, AUG 16, 1977 - CW MESSAGE NO 2

1. US AND USSR DELS MET AT SOVIET MISSION AFTERNOON
AUG 16 TO CONTINUE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CHEMICAL
WEAPONS (CW) PROHIBITION. USREP (FISHER) MADE BRIEF
OPENING REMARKS STATEING THAT US LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING
SOVIET REACTION TO US PROPOSAL PRESENTED IN PREVIOUS
ROUND CW TALKS. USSR REP (LIKHACHEV) MADE WELCOMING
REMARKS AND THEN PRESENTED USSR POSITIONS ON FORM OF
JOINT INITIATIVE AND SCOPE.

2. USSR REP SET POSITIVE TONE FOR CEW ROUND FIVE BUT DID
NOT PRESENT ANY NEW RPT NEW POSITIONS. SALIENT POINTS
OF USSR PRESENTATION FOLLOW BELOW:

A. USSR DEL HAS THOROUGHLY STUDIED THE US PROPOSAL
MADE DURING ROUND FOUR AND IS NOW READY TO EXPRESS ITS
POSITION AND PUT FORWARD ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS TO
THOSE CONTAINED IN THEIR 1974 RPT 1974 DRAFT CW
CONVENTION.

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B. FORM OF JOINT INITIATIVE: USSR DEL CONTINUES TO
SEEK JOINT INITIATIVE IN FORM OF NEGOTIATED TEXT OF
DRAFT CONVENTION OR MAIN ARTICLES WHICH WOULD BE PRE-
SENTED TO CCD AND TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD
NOT PRECLUDE CCD PARTICIPATION IN FINAL NEGOTIATION OF
CONVENTION. USSR REP SAID THE QUESTION OF FORM,

HOWEVER, WAS SECONDARY AND COULD BE DEALT WITH LATER.

C. SCOPE: USSR DEL CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PROHIBITION AND NOTES THT US WISHES TO EXCLUDE IRRITANTS. USSR DEL SET FORTH TWO PRINCIPLES TO DETERMINE SCOPE AND SERVE AS BASIS TO PROCEED IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

(1) THE SCOPE OF THE PROHIBITION SHOULD BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION AND INACCORDANCE WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF USING MEASURES OVER THE CONTROL OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONVENTION WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATES PARTIES.

(2) PROHIBITION SHOULD COVER ALL KINDS OF ACTIVITIES: DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING, AND SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES AND ELIMINATION OF FACILITIES WHICH PRODUCED CW. USSR REP CITED THIS POINT AS CORRESPONDING WITH US KEY ELEMENTS E, 4 AND 5).

(3) USSR REP TWICE EXPRESSED VIEW THT US WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT BROADER SCOPE THAN THAT REFERRED TO IN JULY 1974 SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE WAS "POSITIVIE" FACTOR AND ALSO SUGGESTED THAT TWO SIDES WERE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSE ON QUESTION OF SCOPE.

3. USSR REP SAID THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD RETURN TO QUESTION OF "CONTROLS" (VERIFICATION) AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING. IN CONVERSATIONS FOLLOWING MEETING, SOVIET ALTERNATE REP (KRASSULIN) INDICATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE THE SOVIET SIDE TWO OR THREE MORE MEETINGS TO FINISH THE PRESENTATION OF THEIR POSITION.

4. NEXT MEETING WILL BE AFTERNOON
AUG 18.

5. SOVIET DELEGATION IS SAME AS FOR ROUND FOUR. SORENSON

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